



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Board of Finance Meeting Minutes
 Wednesday, October 1, 2014
 Town Hall Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Members Present Chairman Rob Tarlov, Art Shilosky, John Ringo, James McNair, Rob Esteve

Members Absent: Tom Kane

Others Present: First Selectman Stan Soby, Brad Bernier, Don Kennedy, Don Mrowka, Denise Mizla, Gary Siddell, Bacon Academy Civic Students, Deb Testa and Bob Devito from Lockton

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Tarlov called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 17, 2014 REGULAR MEETING:** J. Ringo motioned to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2014 regular meeting, seconded by J. McNair. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** None

5. **LOCKTON**

- a) **Establishing a funding process:** Lockton reviewed plans for several towns. One of particular interest has the BOE and Town funding the health insurance account based on budgeted contract counts. The projected claims reserve would be set at 125% of expected claims plus IBNR. No decisions were made at this time. Lockton will send additional information and will be the first item on the 10/15 BOF meeting agenda.
- b) **ACA Presentation:** Will be presented at tri-board meeting on October 15th.

6. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- a) **Finance Department:** None
- b) **Tax Collector – Reports and Discussion:** None

7. **FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT**

- a) **Transfer Requests:** None
- b) **First Selectman's Update:** The contract for the KX merger will be signed off tomorrow night at the Board of Selectmen meeting. The contract will have five year renewals. The lawsuit regarding a development in Westchester has been resolved with no cost to the town. Changes made to reduce costs of the event, the sale of bracelets, and some in kind donations helped with the shortage of funds for 57 Fest. Regarding Recreation Department's programs, the following was also discussed: The registration fee covers the cost of 95% of the programs, they are willing to take a loss with a start-up program hoping that it will "catch on", As other programs currently using Town facilities move to the new sports complex it will free up space and provide the Rec

Department the opportunity to offer programs they previously have not been able to.

8. **LIAISON REPORTS:** A. Shilosky had S. Soby report on the Building Committee. The architect provided 5 years of average square footage costs. The averages were blended costs of new build, and renovate as new. They also provided project costs based on size of project. A tri- board meeting will be held on October 15th for the Building Committee and the architect to present similar information and update the boards. R. Esteve reported that the Board of Education has begun to look at their strategic plan. It appears they will go with LEARN as their vendor. Why projected enrollment numbers were off this September is being questioned with NCES. R. Tarlov reported that Youth Services have a program for at risk girls at Bacon. The girls, along with a couple staff members, are training for a race in December. The next Community Conversation will be held on October 22nd and the topic will be on prescription drug use. They have applied for a grant to do further work on this topic. MOMS Club is holding a consignment sale and all proceeds will go to Youth and Social Services.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **Review of Capital Improvement Plan – Equipment:** Moved to future meeting.

i. **Fire Engines**

ii. **Breathing Tanks**

iii. **Other additions or deletions to current plan**

10. **OLD BUSINESS**

a) **Budget Review and 2014-2015 Planning Objectives**

I. **Updates and next steps:** 2014-2015 objectives and initiatives for the BOF were reviewed.

II. **Survey:** The subcommittee working on this will meet next Monday.

III. **Subcommittee Reports:** R. Esteve reported that the subcommittee working on communication the budget has identified four topics they will publically address through various media sources.

IV. **Budget Policy – Agreement with BOS for approving over expenditures and transfers:** R. Tarlov continues to work with S. Soby on this.

11. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:** Dot Mrowka commented that Denise Merrill sent out postcards to every eligible voter that is not registered. Over 50 new voters have since registered in Colchester. She also said that in November voting will be electronic. Gary Siddell commented that it was really good to see so many people at the Town Meeting to approve a tax abatement for the sports complex.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:** A. Shilosky motioned to adjourn, seconded by J. McNair. Vote was unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.** Chairman Tarlov adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Submitted by,

Dawn LePage, Clerk